

From: [Morin, Jeff](#)
To: [Vela, Austin](#)
Cc: [Gray, David](#); [Durant, Jennah](#)
Subject: RE: CMS access for additional R6 Harvey PIO
Date: Saturday, September 9, 2017 6:02:34 AM

I hadn't added you to the system before, because I didn't realize you had logged in and out, a few days ago.

You should be able to publish now.

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From: Vela, Austin
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Cc: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS access for additional R6 Harvey PIO

Hey Jeff,

I had gone through the steps before and did everything but publish. I can create content and so forth. The only issue I see is that my Admin Info doesn't change and the option to publish doesn't show up when I try to make my "DRAFT" published.

Let me know if this needs remedying on your end or something I am doing wrong.

From: Durant, Jennah
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Cc: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CMS access for additional R6 Harvey PIO

OK. He's at lunch right now so it'll be a little bit.

On Sep 5, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks.

Now waiting for him to log in & out of WCMS.

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From: Durant, Jennah
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Cc: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: CMS access for additional R6 Harvey PIO

His user ID is avela

From: Morin, Jeff

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 11:38 AM

To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>

Cc: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: CMS access for additional R6 Harvey PIO

First he must log in and log out of WCMS.

Then he needs to send me his user ID.

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From: Durant, Jennah

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 12:34 PM

To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>

Cc: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: CMS access for additional R6 Harvey PIO

Hi Jeff,

Austin Vela is working as a media officer for the R6 Harvey response. He does not have CMS access. Is it possible to get that for him? He is included on some of the emails below about whether we in R6 can post national news releases.

Thanks,
Jennah

From: Morin, Jeff

Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 12:12 PM

To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: R6 posting to "newsroom" FW: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Yes.

I suggest leaving location blank. It defaults to National (Hq).

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On Sep 4, 2017, at 1:07 PM, Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jeff. So, if I select "HQ" from the drop down list of press offices, will that post it to the HQ press release page?

From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R6 posting to "newsroom" FW: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Hi - responding the next day (sorry).

News releases go in epa.gov/newsreleases. This is the one where I expect you go to post news.

Press office "about" info goes in epa.gov/newsroom

I believe Nancy is making a casual reference, not a precise direction. I/we need to brief Nancy that there are TWO web sites and that they contain very different things.

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From: Durant, Jennah
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: R6 posting to "newsroom" FW: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Hi Jeff—I got the instructions below to try posting a press release to the national “newsroom.” Do you know what Nancy wants? Does she mean for me (in Region 6) to post as the HQ press office in CMS?

Thanks,
Jennah Durant
R6 Press

From: Gray, David
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Cc: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Contact Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2017, at 3:56 PM, Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov> wrote:

I can post to the CMS news releases site, but not to “newsroom.” I’m not sure what “newsroom” is.

From: Gray, David
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>; Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Can you trying posting this release on the national newsroom? We want to make certain that you can do so.

David

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Can you share this with your folks who will send the next release and see if they can post? Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
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202-253-7056 (mobile)

From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

David gray snd company should have rights to EPA.gov/newsreleases which is for new releases. They don't have access to EPA.gov/newsroom which is "about" info.

I'm loggin in now to better follow these emails.

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On Sep 3, 2017, at 11:55 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Also .. david gray says they don't have publishing rights to the hq newsroom .. how do we get them that?

Please email me rather than david -- and I will facilitate .

Thanks ng

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From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Hi All, reminder I am off line today (at a farm in south west VA w bad reception for the day). If Jeff or Jess can't post, Nancy, call or text Christie on her personal and have her jump on her work device and she may be able to do it. 301.848.2234

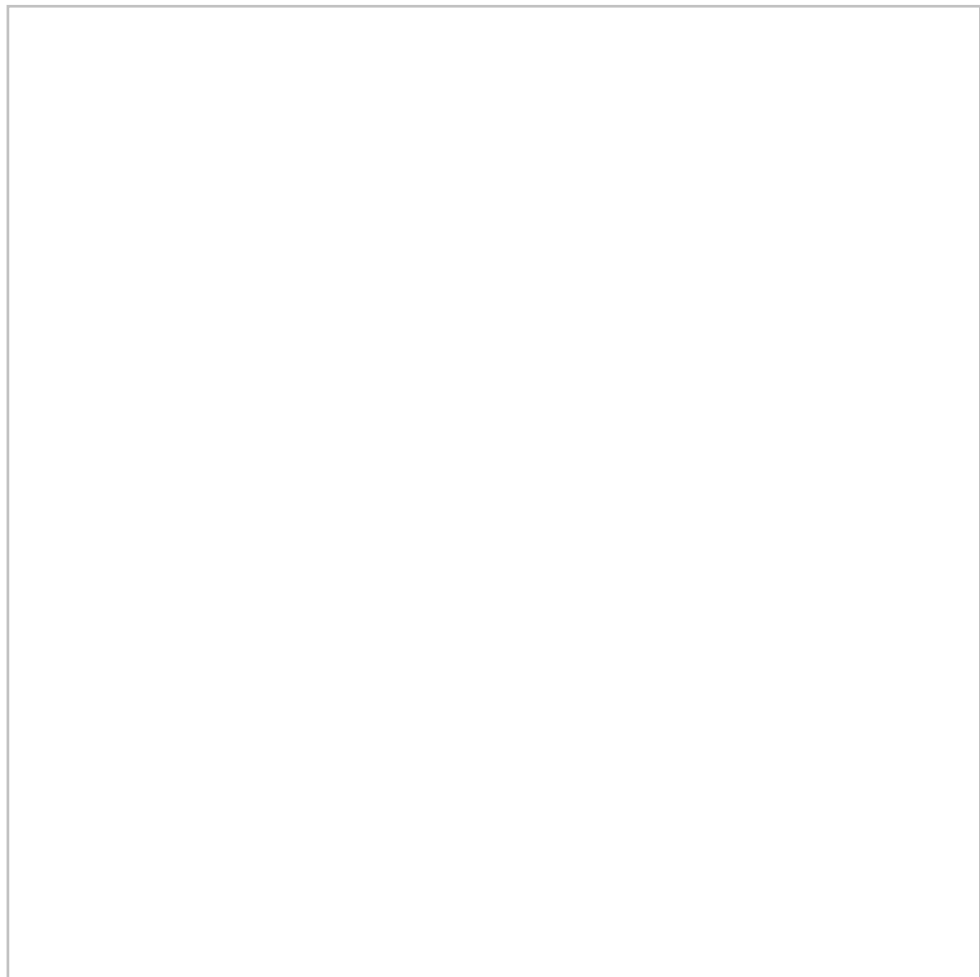
Julia P. Valentine
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Sent from USEPA iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: September 3, 2017 at 11:47:01 AM EDT
To: "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>, "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

Thanks all! TCEQ just called and wants to send "more information" – so we may need to do this again shortly as an "UPDATE" with more information.

From: Hewitt, James
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 11:46 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY



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STATUS OF WATER SYSTEMS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

WASHINGTON (September 3, 2017) - Working together, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) continue to coordinate with local, state and federal officials to address the human health and environmental impacts of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, especially the water systems in the affected areas. As of Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, the following information is available:

- **Drinking Water:** Half (2300) of the 4500 drinking water systems potentially affected by Harvey have been contacted. Of those: 1514 systems are fully operational, 166 have boil-water notices, and 50 are shut down. The agencies are contacting remaining systems to gather updated information of their status. Assistance Teams are in the field working directly with system operators to expedite bringing systems back to operational status. Additional drinking water assessments should be up and running within the next day.
- **Waste Water and Sewage:** Currently, 1656 of approximately 2469 wastewater treatment plants are fully operational in the affected counties. The agencies are

aware that releases of wastewater from sanitary sewers that is occurring, due to the historic flooding and are actively working to monitor facilities that have reported spills, conduct outreach and provide technical guidance to all other wastewater facilities in flood-impacted areas. EPA and TCEQ are working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Texas Military Department, and other local and state agencies to continuously monitor wastewater systems. Houston's unified command will be up and running shortly to support water testing. Assistance Teams will be deployed to work directly with system operators to expedite bringing systems back to operational status.

- **Residential Wells:** EPA is developing a plan for sampling residential wells, and is coordinating with TCEQ to establish several locations where residents can bring water samples from their wells to be tested.
- **Flood Water:** Water quality sampling will be focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites. Floodwaters contain many hazards, including bacteria and other contaminants. Precautions should be taken by anyone involved in cleanup activities or any others who may be exposed to flood waters. These precautions include heeding all warnings from local and state authorities regarding safety advisories. In addition to the drowning hazards of wading, swimming, or driving in swift floodwaters, these waters can carry large objects that are not always readily visible that can cause injuries to those in the water. Other potential hazards include downed power lines and possible injuries inflicted by animals displaced by the floodwaters.

Additional EPA/TCEQ updates include:

- **Superfund Sites:** EPA and TCEQ continue to get updates about the status of specific sites from the parties responsible for ongoing cleanup of the sites. The most recent information can be found [here](#).
- **Air Quality Monitoring:** One of the many preparations for Hurricane Harvey included EPA, TCEQ, and other monitoring entities temporarily removing approximately 75 percent of the stationary air monitoring equipment from the greater Houston, Corpus Christi, and Beaumont areas. Since then, state and local authorities are working to get the systems up and running again. As of Saturday, September 2, over 70 percent of the monitors are up and working again; and authorities expect that the network will be fully operational again by next week. Of the available air monitoring data collected from August 24-September 2, 2017, all measured concentrations were well below levels of health concern. Monitors are showing that air quality at this time is not concerning and local residents should not be concerned about air quality issues related to the effects of the storm.
- **Fires at Arkema Facility in Crosby, Texas:** EPA and TCEQ are coordinating closely with Harris County Officials along with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and other local public safety officials. As a result of initial chemical fires while the facility was flooded, EPA has collected downstream surface water runoff samples at four locations outside the evacuation zone, near residential areas. EPA and TCEQ will maintain a 24 hour watch and maintain a 24-hour presence at the incident command operations center near this facility, to support local emergency personnel on the ground. The 1.5 mile radius evacuation zone remains in effect until local emergency response authorities announce it is safe.
- **Refineries/Fuel Waivers:** In addition to waivers for 38 states and D.C., EPA signed

four No Action Assurance (NAA) letters on September 1, to help address fuel shortages. NAA will help expedite the distribution of existing gasoline supplies to both Texas and Louisiana, while the refineries work to re-start and resume normal operations. Each is effective until September 15, 2017, and should allow for the distribution in Texas of 10 million or more gallons of gasoline to consumers.

For additional information from TCEQ, please visit:
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes>



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